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REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN OF CORNISH,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 10, 1857.

COPY OF WARNING.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town-House in said Cornish, on Tuesday, the 10th day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act on the following subjects, viz:

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

2d. To choose a Town Clerk.

3d. To choose a Representative to represent this Town in the General Court of said State.

4th. To bring in your votes for Governor, Councillor, Senator, Rail Road Commissioner, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and one County Commissioner.

5th. To bring in your votes for Representative to represent the Third Congressional District in the Congress of the United States.

6th. To choose Selectmen and all other necessary Town Officers.

7th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year.

8th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to make and repair Highways the ensuing year.

9th. To see what sums of money the Town will raise to pay the land damage and build the road laid out by the Selectmen the past year, commencing near the School-House in District No. 2, and running southerly through Reuben Davis' land to the river road.

10th. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the old road near Stephen Williams', running east towards Hiram Bartlett's to the brook.

11th. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the old road commencing near the School-House in District No. 14 in Claremont, and running east to Claremont line.

12th. To see if the Town will vote to disannex the farms of Marshall S. Howard, Barker B. Churchill, and a small parcel of land of Nathan Leavitt, beginning at a stake and stones at the south-west corner of said Marshall S. Howard's land, and the north-west corner of Henry Gould's land, thence easterly on the south line of the land of M. S. Howard and Barker B. Churchill, to the south-east corner of said Churchill's land, thence northerly on the east line of said Churchill to the old Grantham line, thence westerly on said old line of Grantham to land of James M. Davidson, thence southerly on the east line of said

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Davidson and Eldad Coburn to the place of beginning, from School District No. 12, and annex the same to School District No. 16 in said Town.

13th. To see if the Town will vote to disannex the farm of Merrill and Mitchell Coburn, beginning at a stake and stones standing on the line of Joseph Richardson, Solon H. Deming and James M. Davidson, to Nathan Leavitt's line, thence north on said Leavitt's west line to land of Joseph Sargent, thence west on the south line of said Sargent and Carlos F. Huggins to the east line of land belonging to the heirs of Benj. R. Chase, deceased, thence south on the east line of said Chase's heirs and Joseph Richardson to the place of beginning, from School District No. 16 and annex the same to School District No. 6 in said Town.

14th. To see if the Town will determine how the School Money shall be divided among the several School Districts the ensuing year.

15th. To see if the Town will adopt the By-Laws to prevent horses, mules, asses, neat cattle, sheep and swine from going at large.

16th. To see if the Town will vote to raise money to complete the the road laid out in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, in District No. 5, leading from the School-House to Joshua B. Wellman's, near his house.

17th. To see if the Town will vote to make a discount of five per cent. to all persons who voluntarily pay their taxes before the first day of September.

18th. To see if the Town will vote to raise the wages of highway labor from eight to ten cents per hour for men and oxen.

19th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to paint and repair the Town-House.

Given under our hands and seal, this 20th day of February, A. D. 1857.

J. B. COMINGS,
WILLARD HEYWOOD,
J. M. DAVIDSON,
Selectmen of Cornish.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned, Auditor for the Town of Cornish for the fiscal year ending March 10th, 1857, having attended to the duties assigned him, and finding the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer correctly cast and properly vouched, would respectfully submit the following report:

The Selectmen have assessed the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, and lands of non-resident owners, the sum of	$3,170 19
School District No. 11,	423 10
" " No. 16,	78 40
There has been paid into the Treasury the following additional sums:	
Literary Fund,	136 36
Circus License,	30 00
Interest on School Fund,	25 25
Proceeds from sale of Harvey Chase's property,	41 59

For the support of Mrs. Bartlett, 1856,	39 00
Cash received of County for support of paupers,	12 22
Making the whole amount	$3,956 11
Deduct cash paid State and County Treasurers,	839 78
Leaves a balance of	$3,116 33

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for support of the Poor, away from the Alms-House,	327 75
Alms-House expenses,	331 72
For plank and timber,	268 94
For support of Schools,	1265 07
William R. Kimball, notifying Road Commissioners, 1855,	4 00
J. W. Bradley, abatement on Taxes, 1855,	8 98
Abel Jackson, funds to purchase spirituous liquors, 1856,	65 00
J. O. Wyman, balance for services as Agent, 1855,	3 08
" " for liquor on hand,	54 25
Jacob Dimond, for land damage, 1852,	1 50
Bishop & Tracy, for printing, &c., 1855,	9 50
Joseph Plastridge, for personal injury on road,	25 00
David H. Chase, land damage,	20 00
Ransom Dutton, damage to horse, sleigh and family,	15 00
William Barton, Teachers' Institute,	31 98
J. M. Davidson, land damage,	85 00
Edwin T. Ayres, land damage,	195 00
David H. Hilliard, School-House Tax, District No. 11,	250 00
Due Austin Tyler's heirs, for land damage,	60 00
Joseph Wood, land damage,	200 00
Levi Ayres, land damage,	6 00
Superintending School Committee, 1855,	49 28
Samuel P. Thrasher, School-House Tax, District No. 16,	75 00
D. H. Hilliard, to pay expense of suit, District No. 11,	156 25
Benj. S. Fletcher, damage to wagon,	50
John Merrill, damage for plow,	5 00
G. D. Kenyon, damage to carriage, 1855,	2 50
J. W. Bradley, notifying Jurors,	2 94
George Jackson, damage to wagon,	2 00
J. G. Kidder, abatement of taxes,	3 03
Samuel W. Clark, " "	71
J. and J. B. Wyman, " "	10 50
Albert Stowell, " "	1 71
A. K. Moore, damage to sleigh, 1856,	10 00
Lucinda Weld, for clothing,	12 00
Benj. Chapman, surveying roads,	7 00
Ebenezer Cotton, abatement on taxes,	1 26
Superintending School Committee, 1856,	36 50
Orlando Powers, making taxes, &c.,	7 00
John F. Johnson, cleaning Town-House,	3 75
Amos Richardson, damage by town cattle,	10 00
Town Clerk's services,	21 00
Treasurer's "	10 00
Collector's "	19 00

Azar Bachelor, abatement of taxes,	35 04
Selectmen's services,	126 58
D. G. Westgate, abatement of taxes, 1851,	5 90
Due Edwin T. Ayres, District in Claremont,	3 63
Bradley Burr and others, building and repairing roads,	1,087 66
Contingent expenses,	33 40
Amounting to	$4,966 91
From which deduct the above,	3,116 33
Leaving a balance against the Town, of	$1,850 58

WILLIAM BALLOCH, *Auditor.*

We recommend to the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish to raise, to defray Town charges, and pay debts against the Town, the ensuing year, the sum of $2,000.

Also, to repair Highways and Bridges, the sum of $1,800.

To pay damage and build Road laid out by the Selectmen the last year, on petition of Lewis T. Chase, and others, the sum of $425,00.

J. B. COMINGS, W. HEYWOOD, J. M. DAVIDSON, } *Selectmen of Cornish.*

ALMS-HOUSE REPORT.

For supporting this establishment the following sums have been paid, by orders drawn on the Treasurer:

Paid Agent for 1856, to Feb. 28, 1857,		$166 07
For one yoke of Oxen for Town Farm,		120 00
Sundry bills,		45 65
Total,		$331 72
Received of the County Treasurer,	$5 00	
" Harvey Chase, Esq.,	40 06	
" Mrs. Bartlett,	39 00	
Excess of inventory above last year, consisting of stock, provision, hay, grain, &c.,	3 45	
		887 51
Which deducted from the above, leaves a balance against the Alms-House,		$244 21

An inventory and appraisal of the personal property at the Alms-House was made on the 26th of February, 1857, which amounts, at par cash value, to $1,453 94,—an increase over last year's appraisal of $3 45.

The produce of the Farm has been as follows:—35 tons of hay; 75 bushels of oats; 9 do. wheat; 2 do. India wheat; 14 do. rye; 175 do. corn; 4 do. beans; 1 do. peas; 155 do. potatoes; 20 do. carrots; 2 do. turnips; 2 do. beets; 1 do. onions; 30 heads of cabbage; 60 chickens; 34 turkeys; 6 calves; 566 pounds of butter; 702 do. cheese; 1431 do. pork; 800 do. beef; 7½ do. wool.

It is thought that the grain, provisions, &c., are sufficient for the season, except flour.

There has been at the Alms-House, during the past year, from twelve to sixteen inmates; one has died; the present number is eleven.

All respectfully submitted,

J. B. COMINGS, } *Overseers*
W. HEYWOOD, } *of*
J. M. DAVIDSON, } *Poor.*

Having examined the above Alms-House Report, as presented by the Overseers of the Poor, I find the same correctly cast and properly vouched for. WILLIAM BALLOCH, *Auditor.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The amount of debts against the Town, in orders drawn,	$1,785 54
Cash on hand,	43 25
Leaving a balance against the Town of	$1,742 29

The whole amount of the School Fund now in the hands of the Treasurer is $470 86.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

HENRY GOULD, *Treasurer.*

Having examined the above report, I find it properly cast and vouched for. WILLIAM BALLOCH, *Auditor.*

AGENTS' REPORTS.

The undersigned, Agent appointed to sell Wines and Spiritous Liquors for the Town of Cornish, from April 18th, 1856, one year, reports to March 3d, 1857:

PURCHASES.

Bought 157 gallons Alcohol, 14 do. Brandy, 4 do. Wine, and 11 do. Holland Gin, costing in all,	$193 76

SALES.

Amount of cash received on 800 sales of Wine, Alcohol, Brandy and Gin,		$191 80
Amount on hand, 20 galls. Alcohol,	20 00	
2 " Holland Gin,	2 50	
4 " Liquor Barrels,	4 00	
		26 50
		$218 30
Deduct amount of purchases,		193 76
Balance in favor of the Town,		$24 54

All of the above sales were for medicinal purposes, except 3 gallons of Alcohol for mechanical purposes. ABEL JACKSON, *Agent.*

The undersigned, Agent appointed to sell Wines and Spirituous Liquors for the Town of Cornish, from April 18, 1856, to March 31, 1857, reports to February 28, as follows:

PURCHASES.

Bought 200 gallons of Old Medford Rum, 60 do. of Alcohol, 3 do. of Port Wine, 4 do. Brandy, 47 do. Holland Gin, costing in all $255 72

SALES.

Amount of cash received on 796 sales of Rum, Alcohol, Wine, Brandy and Gin,			$221 48
Amount on hand, 18 gallons	O. M. Rum.	9 00	
18 "	Alcohol,	18 00	
2 "	Port Wine,	5 12	
½ "	Brandy,	3 71	
38 "	Holland Gin,	53 20	
			89 03
			$310 51
Deduct amount of purchases,			255 72
Balance in favor of Town,			$54 79

Respectfully submitted by S. L. POWERS, *Agent.*

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

In District 11, the tax-payers have shown commendable zeal and liberality in building a model School-House and completing it with ventilator and blinds. This is the most spacious and symmetrical School-Room in town. The influence on the scholars was apparent.

The house used for a School-Room in No. 1, is quite unfit for that purpose; and the site seems by nature, adapted to some such building. We hope for the credit of the District and the well-being of the youth therein, we shall ere long see a model School-House on an eligible and ample lot, somewhere in that wealthy, thriving and prolific District.

The houses in Nos. 7 and 10, should be re-modelled, to be adapted to the wants of the Schools. In both Districts they have large Schools and good thorough scholars.

The Grammar-Room in No. 6, would be greatly improved at a moderate expense, by taking out the forms and desks, and putting in some of modern construction.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

Prudential Committees should exercise all care in selecting teachers adapted to their respective Schools—have them seasonably engaged; and see that they fill their Registers accurately and fully, before paying them for their services. On this last point the laws are strict—holding Prudential Committees responsible for all monies paid teachers, who have failed to fill out their Register.

Teachers should be punctual at the General Examination, and be prepared for it, by being familiar with their Text-Books, especially the rudiments. The rudiments are the key to all future improvement in the study.

Parents should allow of no backbiting of teachers by their children; and be careful not to participate in this obnoxious vice themselves.

Our Schools, as a whole, have done nobly the past year. The Summer School in No. 2 is worthy of all praise. The Teacher and Misses seemed emulous in accomplishments and thorough scholarship; and the Masters strove manfully not to be outdone in either. It was pleasant to pass a session in the School-Room. In this School we had a good exercise in singing by teacher and pupils.

The Summer Schools in Nos. 2, 4, 6, (Primary and Principal,) 7, 8, 9 and 16, were all good Schools. In the others, there was not quite so good order; still, I could not detect any unalterable deficiency in the qualifications, as teachers of either in these Schools.

Nos. 5 and 10 closed one week earlier than expected, and were not visited at the close.

In Nos. 12, 13 and 14, there was no Summer Term. In 15, no Winter Term.

I did not find at the close a decidedly poor Winter School.

It was gratifying to find so good a Winter School in No. 1. Here order had come out of confusion, as too often found in years past. Decision and perseverance, must have been put in requisition, to accomplish so much, against such odds.

In No. 11, there was a marked improvement in all respects. This is a large School of comparatively young scholars; and demands a great deal of labor on the part of the teachers; and great care should be exercised in their selection; not having too much regard to wages.

No. 12 closed without notice.

The teacher in No. 8, was rather young for the School, but is an ardent scholar, and, I doubt not, will make a successful teacher.

The Schools are improving decidedly in Penmanship. In many of the Districts, this branch has been, for years, grievously neglected. A portion of time should be devoted to it every day, if possible, of each School.

In Districts 4, 6, (Principal,) 7, 11 and 16, the Writing-Books looked finely.

In No. 6, (Principal,) second class, they had the best exercise in the elements, and rules of reading, with full examples in illustration, I have heard in town at any time.

Many towns and districts, in our State, are putting into their School-Rooms a part, or all of Holbrook's School Apparatus. The more useful of them may be obtained for about Ten Dollars. A full list may be found in the last Report of the Board of Education.

LYMAN HALL, *Supt. School Committee.*

CORNISH, MARCH 4TH, 1857.

TABLE OF SCHOOLS.

District.	School Money.	Prudential Committee.	Teachers.	Residence.	Different Scholars. Males.	Different Scholars. Females	Weeks School.	Yearly av'ge atten.	Wages per Month.	Visits by Prudential Committee.	Visits by Citizens.	Contributed.
1	$128 82	Z. P. Smith.	M. W. Powers.	Cornish.	18	18	14	15	$14 00		13	
			E. H. Pike.	do.			10		26 00			
2	117 02	B. S. Smith.	L. S. Chase.	do.			16	16	8 00			
			G. W. Ayers.	do.	14	10	14	13	22 00	1	33	
3	39 44	S. Tracy.	H. M. Chase.	do.			8		10 00			
			E. A. Ayers.	do.	16	7	12	11	14 00	3	35	$30 50
4	52 79	N. A. Deming.	J. Deming.	do.			12		12 00			
			E. A. Deming.	do.	12	12	11	18	12 00	3	21	35 00
5	73 03	W. D. Spalding.	S. W. Smith.	do.			10		11 00			
			C. P. Oler.	Mass.	7	7	13	8	17 00	3	21	36 00
6	195 43	S. C. Deming.	L. Martindale.	Cornish.			12		12 00			
			S. C. Taylor.	do.			12		12 00			39 00
			L. Martindale.	do.			14		15 00			
7	96 87	J. B. Comings.	Jos. Davis.	do.	36	42	14	47	22 00		114	
			S. L. Hart.	do.			12		12 00			
			H. Ayers.	do.	19	19	14	25	18 00	3	76	39 00
8	108 21	D. Atwood.	F. L. Wyman.	do.			12		14 00			
			W. Hicks.	Vermont.	21	18	14	21	18 00		45	39 00
9	64 05	W. C. Smith.	J. M. Nevins.	Cornish.	9	7	16	12	11 00	1	26	
10	93 39	F. Freeman.	M. E. Bond.	Claremont.			10		11 00			15 00
			G. A. Vinton,	Cornish.	20	21	10	24	22 00	1	32	
*11	87 97	W. F. Comings.	E. M. Cutler.	Plainfield.								35 00
			Jas. Freeman.	Cornish.	12	5	9½	12	18 00	1	10	14 25
12	28 18	L. Knights.	F. L. Wyman.	do.	9	2	13	10	12 00	1	15	
13	55 28	L. Fitch.	B. Deming.	do.	11	7	12	15	14 67		7	18 00
14	29 77	Q. Fletcher.	M. J. Wilmarth.	Newport.	9	3	5	7	11 00	1	7	7 50
15	12 75	J. M. Root.	H. M. Smith.	Cornish.			12		14 00			35 00
16	64 46	S. P. Thrasher.	E. Leavitt.	do.	14	8	11	15	14 00	2	13	
			S. C. Bond.	do.								
	$1,237 36											

* Not reported.